

## ABSTRACT

[045] An apparatus used during oral surgery having two major components: an absorbent gauze pad approved for use during oral surgery, and a means for retrieving the absorbent gauze pad attached to the absorbent gauze pad. The resulting retrievable gauze pad allows a patient having undergone oral surgery, or another person, to easily remove the retrievable gauze pad, especially if the patient accidentally aspirates the retrievable gauze pad.